# SPORT PSYCHOLOGY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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1. Brief reports on the state of associations

#### a. American Psychological Association Society for Sport, Exercise & Performance Psychology (APA Division 47). Report submitted by: Jamie Shapiro and Brandonn Harris

The mission of the Society for Sport, Exercise & Performance Psychology (SSEPP) is to develop, promote, and disseminate information to professionals and the public related to: (a) standards for competent and ethical practice, (b) models of graduate and postdoctoral training, and (c) scientific knowledge that informs and guides practice. There are approximately 900 members of SSEPP, including student and professional affiliates who are not members of the larger APA. The executive committee (EC)'s midwinter meeting took place in Auburn, Alabama on Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was unfortunately the last time the EC was able to meet in-person. A goal of SSEPP was (and continues to be) to increase the diversity among leadership, and we are enthusiastic about the current diverse composition of the EC. The impact factor of our journal, Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology, increased by 68% and is ranked 25th out of 84 journals in the applied psychology category. Section 1 of SSEPP, Running Psychologists, hosted a virtual Ray's Race as part of the APA 2020 Convention; Section 2 of SSEPP, Performance Psychology, continues to grow in membership and hosted virtual conversation hours and Twitter chats.

The major activities of SSEPP over the past year included:

- Professional Practice Guidelines (PPGs) for Sport Psychology: PPGs address psychological practice with particular populations or in particular areas (see https://www.apa.org/practice/guidelines). SSEPP has been working on these for many years, and we are pleased to report that the first drafts of the 11 sections are at or near completion. Drs. Courtney Albinson and Trent Petrie are serving as co-editors.
- 2) Mentorship Program: SSEPP completed a pilot of the mentorship program with 6 mentorship pairs of early career professionals (ECPs) and more experienced professionals. We are in the process of collecting feedback from the pairs and plan to start recruiting our next round of mentors and mentees in late 2020.
- Continuing Education (CE) Programming: SSEPP was approved as an APA CE sponsor in 2019 and hosted our first CE webinar in September 2019. SSEPP also sponsored APA CEs for outside organizations, including the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) at their virtual conference in Oct 2020.
- Public Education Task Force: Dr. Bradley Hack created a task force to establish an infographic about the education, training, and competencies of various professionals in fields related to sport psychology. The first draft of

the infographic has been completed and is in the process of being revised for distribution and posting on our website.

- 5) APA Convention (virtual): Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the APA Convention was virtual in 2020. All of the divisional programming was prerecorded and can be accessed on demand for 1 year. The EC conducted their meeting via Zoom, and there was a live speed mentoring session via Zoom with approximately 10 mentors and 40 students/ECPs. The APA 2020 virtual on demand sessions can be accessed until Aug 1, 2021 and the 2021 Convention call for programs can be found at this link: https://convention.apa.org/.
- 6) NCAA Task Force Participation: Two members of SSEPP were representatives at two virtual summits sponsored by the NCAA Sport Science Institute and the NCAA Office of Inclusion. Dr. Brandonn Harris, President-Elect, participated in the Diverse Student-Athlete Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force in an effort to work with other organizational and educational sport-stakeholders to develop immediate, intermediate, and longterm goals that support diverse student-athlete well-being and more inclusive athletic department policies that support such an initiative. Dr. Doug Hankes, Past-President, attended the Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation Summit, which focused on principles of inclusion and fairness for intercollegiate competition.
- SSEPP will continue to work on the initiatives above. The APA 2021 Convention will include virtual programming and possibly some in-person components, however, the decision about in-person events will be made in early April 2021 by the APA.





#### b. Asian South Pacific Association of Sport Psychology (ASPASP) Report submitted by: Frank J. H. Lu

There are several major activities/events hosted by ASPASP in the past year as follows:

#### 2020 MC meeting

- Due to the global pandemic of Covid-19, the ASPASP hosts its annual MC meeting chaired by president YoungHo Kim via Online Webex on August 20, 2020 (Malaysia time). The presence includes Youngho Kim (president, Korea), Liwei Zhang (past president, China), Garry Kuan (general secretary, Malaysia), Frank Jing-Horng Lu (publication, Taiwan), Naruepon Vonjaturapat (membership, Thailand), Kaori Araki (program, Japan), Maria Luisa Guinto (treasure, Philippine), Dev Roychowdhury (MC, Australia), Jihang Lee (MC, Korea), Jayashree Archarya (MC, India), Emily Ortega (MC, Singapore), Zhijian Huang (China). An apology is Yu-Kai Chang (MC, Taiwan) and Nadhim Al-Wattar (MC, Irag).
- The MC meeting approved 2019 minutes in Osaka, Japan; decided the new membership fee structure; and reported the progress of the official journal of the ASPASP- Asian Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (AJSEP) which will be issued on March 2021. The general secretary reported that president YoungHo Kim will follow up with IJSEP for the special issue publication in conjunction with ASPASP congress 2022 in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. Further, the treasurer reported that she will design the certificate for the paying countries and work with Dev to outline the membership benefits in the ASPASP website. Also, each MC reported his/her country's sport psychology activities in India, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Taiwan, Thailand, Philippines, and Singapore.

#### **Regional Conference**

Before the world outbreaks the Covid-19, the ASPASP hosts the 7th International Seminar on Sport and Exercise Psychology (ISSEP) in Tainan City, Taiwan on January 18-21, 2020 at the National Cheng-Kung University. There are 118 participants from China, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, United States, Thailand, and Taiwan participated in this regional conference. Hosted by vice president Frank Jing-Horng Lu, the 8th ISSEP was successful. We invited both domestic scholars ( professors Tsung-Ming Hung, Yu-Kai Chang) and international scholars ( Kirk Erickson, USA; Youngho Kim, Korea; Garry Kuan, Malaysia; Naruepon Vonjaturapat, Thailand) as keynote speakers. Also, we had oral presentations, posters presentation, cultural activities, sport competitions, and city tours. The conference was full of academic, social, sporting, and cultural flavors.



#### Publication

- The major issue of publication of the ASPASP is that we are about to issue our official journal entitled "Asian Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (AJSEP)" in March 2020. Also, all MCs have uploaded their papers on our website http://www.aspasp.org/about so visitors can easily access them to review them.
- To facilitate the development of sport psychology in developing countries, Secrets of Asian Sport Psychology has been published and can be downloaded by the following address: http://www.aspasp.org/publication.

- iii) The official website of the ASPASP http://www.aspasp.org/has been operated very well by Dev Roychowdhury with continuously updated news and rich content.
- iv) The ASPASP position statement has been finalized by president YoungHo Kim, Frank Lu, and Dev Roychowdhury. Please refers to http://www.aspasp.org/.
- v) The 2019 ASPASP mentor-mentee program has been posted on our website. Please refer to http://www.aspasp.org/news.
- vi) The 2018 SPASP mentor-mentee program has been posted on our website. Please refer to http://www.aspasp.org/news.

#### **Future Events**

- The 8th ISSEP will be hosted by Korea via vitual online conference on December 21
- ii) 2021 MC meeting is tentatively scheduled on August 2021.

#### c. Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) Report submitted by: Natalie Durand-Bush

#### **Certification / Professional Standards**

- CMPC® program accredited by the National Commission of Certifying Agencies (NCCA)
- 355 people have taken the exam (169 new and 186 recertifications)
- Contracted with new test provider (Scantron) and new exam form ready in January 2021 both live and remote proctored options (online) available
- Exploring partnership with the Canadian Sport Psychology Association (CSPA) that would expand CMPC® to a North American credential

#### **Education & Professional Development**

- AASP 2020 Conference largest in our history with over 1,400 attendees
- Contracts signed for the next three years (2021 Las Vegas, 2022 Dallas/Ft. Worth, 2023 - Orlando)
- Postponed discussions ISSP and the CSPA about 2023 joint congress in Canada – may look at 2027 as possible future date
- Doubled the amount of webinars held to provide education and resources virtually; most popular was Virtual Conference - Why, What, When, and How: Using Technology in Applied Sport Psychology Practice (1,000+ registered)
- In early May, Virtual Coffee Breaks were organized for members to connect, share ideas about working from home, biggest issues/challenges, self-care and what learn what AASP could do to help

#### **Diversity & Inclusion**

 The Advocacy & Diversity Committees spearheaded the crafting of AASP's Statement on Recent Racialized Events and compiling a Racial Justice Resource List posted online

- Town Halls were organized to allow members to discuss important racial justice issues in smaller groups
- Organized a webinar, "Tools for Professionals in Sport During BLM & COVID" to support members request for tools to navigate this time.
- Inaugural Midcareer Institute for Women in Sport was held
- Introduced social media initiative to share international sport psychology news on Twitter

#### Membership

 Current membership is 2,750 from 60 countries – highest number of members in association history

#### Public Relations & Outreach

- COVID had a significant negative impact on our media engagement 105 pieces of coverage (down from 170), 238 MM Media Impressions (down from 837 MM). Impressions were down 71% overall
- AASP performed well on social media impressions up 61% on Twitter and 291,000 total reach on Facebook
- AASP has been featured in USA Today, The Washington Post, Popular Science, Health, Well+Good, The Oprah Magazine and many other publications

#### **Publications & Communications**

- Increased JASP from 4 to 6 issues per year
- Published special JASP issue on "Psychology of Sport Coaching" (Jan 2020) and upcoming special issue on Mental Health in Sport (Jan 2021)
- Special JSPA issue on "New Approaches to Identity in Sport (late 2020)
- Case Studies journal continues to grow rapidly –40 submissions in 2020
- Journal for Advancing Sport Psychology in Research (student focused journal) – first issue available in January 2021
- The Essential Guide for Mental Performance Consultants, our web-based CMPC Exam Study Guide, is scheduled to be available to candidates in early 2021

#### **Research & Practice**

- Awarded nearly \$18,000 in research grants across 6 successful applications
- Study of the expansion of sport psychology employment opportunities in North America complete results presented at AASP 2020 Conference
- Launched first in a series of "Science to Practice" podcasts
- 5 graduate programs are completing the initial self-study program (delayed due to COVID); launch of program recognition to all interested programs to be in January 2021

The next AASP conference will be October 6-9, 2021 Las Vegas, NV, USA

#### d. Association of Sports Psychologists (ASP)

#### Report submitted by: Liudmila Rogaleva

On August 26, 2020, the Association of sports psychologists (ASP) was established in Moscow, which continues the traditions of the Russian Association of sports and physical culture psychologists and the society of sports psychologists of the CIS countries. The Association of sports psychologists unites representatives of Russia, CIS countries (Kazakhstan, Belarus, Armenia) and neighboring countries (Latvia, Ukraine). President of the Association Ulyaeva Lira, PHd, sports psychologist of the Moscow city physical culture and sports Association of the Department of sports, Moscow.

The year 2020 will be remembered for the Association with the following events. With the participation of the ISSP Vice-President Tatiana Ryba, ASP member Liudmila Rogaleva, the meeting was organized by the ASP with members of the governing Council of the International society of sports psychology (Gangyan Si, Past President of ISSP, Chris Harwood, (UK), Franco Noce (Brazil) Jolly Roy (INDIA), Daniel Gucciardi (Australia), member of FEPSAC Athanasios Papayoannou (Greece), as well as with Joaquin Diaz, President of the Federation of Sports Psychology of Spain and Ada Sarai Albarran Carbajal, President of the mexiquense Association of sports psychology (https://urfusportpsy.ru/)

During the conference, «Sports psychology in intercultural space», plenary presentations were made by Michael Botting, University of Sports of Scotland (UK) and sport psychologist with the National Olympic curling team, David Peris Delcampo, Vice President of the Spanish Federation of Sports Psychology, Professor at the University of Valencia (Spain) Competitions of a sports psychologist. Alex Garcia Mas (Spain) Professor at the University of the Balearic Islands (Spain) Sports psychologist and (new?) technologies.

2 symposiums were organized – one with the Mexican Association of sports psychology (Ada Sarai Albarran Carbajal, Yesica Jiménez Arcos, Claudi Rivas, Carlos Perez), the second with members of the Association of sports psychologists of Russia and CIS countries (35 reports in total), a youth section was held, which was attended by 18 UrFU students from 5 countries (Russia, China, Colombia, Kazakhstan, Syria).

On December 8, the sports psychology section was held as part of the international conference Ananyev readings, Saint Petersburg University (Symposium organizer Lovyagina Alexandra, member of the ASP, head of the master's program in sports psychology, faculty of psychology, Saint Petersburg state University, Saint Petersburg).

X all-Russian scientific and practical conference with international participation «Resources of athletes' competitiveness: theory and practice of implementation» (December 11-12, 2020, Krasnodar, Russia). Organizer of

the symposium - Gorskaya Galina, professor, doctor of sciences, honorary member of the ASP.

In August, a special issue of the journal Revista de Psicologia del Deporte was published, featuring 13 articles by ASP members . Vol. 29 No. 2 (2020): Journal of Sport Psychology https://www.rpd-online.com/index.php/rpd

A new electronic journal "Questions of sports psychology and pedagogy" was created in UrFU (Russia) - editor Liudmila Rogaleva. Liudmila Rogaleva (Russia) and Tatiana Yancheva (Bulgaria) participated in an international study together with Spanish colleagues Alex Garcia Mas (Spain) and Aurelio Olmedilla Zafra (Spain).

According to the results of the study, the article «Perfectionism, mood states, and coping strategies of sports students from Bulgaria and Russia during the pandemic covid-19» was published JOURNAL of Applied Sports Sciences Vol.1 July 2020 http://journal.nsa.bg/journal-of-applied-sports-sciences-vol-1-july-2020/DOI: 10.37393/JASS.2020.01.2

Banayan Alexandra, head of laboratory of sports psychology and psychophysiology St. Petersburg Research Institute of Physical Culture (www.spbniifk.ru), on October 08, 2020 has defend the Phd dissertation in psychological sciences in the field of "Theory and methodology of physical education, sports training, health and adaptive physical culture" on the topic «Psychophysiological factors of sports performance success of high qualification Paralympian's (by example of hockey-sledge)». The research conduct within the Paralympic Movement, and is devote to topical littlestudied issues of identifying gifted and promising athletes, choosing playing position and predicting the excellence in para-hockey performance. It is based on the typological characteristics of the human nervous system properties (NSP), as well as organizing the operational control of the current psychophysiological state by the authors developed express method using the gas discharge visualization (GDV) with the aim to prevent and forehand correct the adverse conditions, including overtraining and psycho-emotional exhaustion, dosing and redistribution of training loads. This research summarizes the author's many years' practical experience in the national Paralympic sports team of Russia in para-hockey, which became the silver medalist at the XI Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi 2014.

Articles 2020. Laboratory of sports psychology and psychophysiology Federal state budget institution «Saint-Petersburg scientific-research institute for physical culture»

1. Self-regulation features of Paralympian's athletes with musculoskeletal disorders from various sports classes / Ivanova I.G., Banayan A.A.,

Yanina E.A., Puhov D.N. // Scientific notes of the University P.F. Lesgaft. – 2020. № 6 (184). – Pp. 440-448.

- Development of a remote questionnaire system for athletes / Korotkova A.K., Banayan A.A. // Adaptive physical culture. – 2020. – №3 (83). – Pp. 46-47.
- Mental health and success performance in children and youth sports / Banayan A.A., Ivanova I.G.// Collection of scientific articles based on the materials of the III Congress "Mental health of a person of the XXI century", Moscow, 2020. Publisher «KnoRus». – Pp. 116-118.
- Psychological classifications of sports / Banayan A.A., Yanina E.A., // "Sports movement: experience, problems, development". Collection of materials of the All-Russian scientific and practical conference with international participation (15-16 October 2020). Federal state budget institution «Saint-Petersburg scientific-research institute for physical culture», Saint-Petersburg. – SPb, 2020. – Pp.11-15.

#### e. British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) Report submitted by: Adam Gledhill

- The BASES Division of Psychology seeks to represent and support both the academic and practical interests of those who have a passion for the field of sport and exercise psychology. This includes a focus on scholarly activity and research through expert statements, conference presentations and grants; as well as the quality assurance of psychology practitioners through the BASES accreditation and supervised experience programme, and the newly developed Sport and Exercise Psychology Accreditation Route (more details below).
- A major development within the Division of Psychology has been the new Sport and Exercise Psychology Accreditation Route (SEPAR). The purpose of the BASES Sport and Exercise Psychology Accreditation Route (SEPAR) is to ensure that candidates acquire the knowledge, skills, and experience required to be eligible to apply for registration with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) as a Practitioner Psychologist. Once registered with the HCPC, members can use the protected title: Sport and Exercise Psychologist.
- The overarching aim of the SEPAR is to ensure that practitioners can work autonomously and are industry ready in that they will be able to integrate effectively into a range of sport and/or exercise environments with a view to facilitate optimal involvement, performance, and/or enjoyment in sport and exercise as well as support the development of mental health and well-being in clients. More details regarding the BASES SEPAR programme can be found here: https://www.bases.org.uk/spage-professional\_development-separ.html
- In early 2020, BASES and the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) signed a new partnership agreement for the purposes of enhancing the activities of both BASES and AASP and fostering co-operation in an international context, for the benefits of professionals involved with the respective organisations.

- Finally, in November 2020, a new Division Committee was appointed for the BASES Division of Psychology. Dr Adam Gledhill has been appointed as the new Division Chair, Dr Denise Hill as the new Division Deputy Chair, Associate Professor, Dr Mustafa Sarkar appointed as the new Continuous Professional Development representative, whilst Sam Kirk will continue in his role as membership representative, Callum O'Malley will continue in his role as student representative, and Richard Simpson joins as co-opted member overseeing specific projects around social media and engagement.
- We look forward to being able to share further developments with the Sport Psychology Council in the next newsletter.

#### f. Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS)

Report submitted by: Tanya Berry

- The Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS) was founded as a society in Banff, Alberta, in 1977. SCAPPS engages in three main activities.
- An annual conference at which scholars are invited to present their research (not held in 2020 due to COVID-19).
- The Franklin Henry Young Scientist Awards presented to outstanding trainee scholars were awarded three areas: Sport Psychology, Exercise Psychology, Motor Learning and Control.
- The annual general meeting (AGM) was held following the awards.
- A full online conference will be held in October of 2021 and plans are in place for a live conference in Montreal in 2022.

#### g. Collegiate Clinical/Counseling Sport Psychology Association (CCSPA) Report submitted by: Chris Bader, James Houle

CCSPA is a group that advocates for licensed mental health clinicians providing services to collegiate, Olympic, and professional athletes by keeping interested agencies and administrators informed regarding best practices and standard of care. Our group seeks to be the voice for these providers, educating administrators, invested organizations, and others about the unique nature of this subspecialty of the field of psychology and best practices for provision of mental health and performance services. We also aim to provide continuing education to members in order to maintain a standard of excellence within our field. CCSPA also provides an avenue for networking and collaboration among members.

CCSPA has a three-fold mission: advocacy, education, and collaboration. To accomplish this mission, CCSPA offers members a platform for networking and consultation, resources, and educational opportunities such as webinars presented by experts within the field.

CCSPA offers four levels of membership for mental health providers, performance service providers, students, and others interested in student-athlete mental health and well-being.

CCSPA plans, develops, and hosts the annual Big Sky Sport Psychology Conference. CCSPA is an APA continuing education provider. Interested webinar presenters are welcome to offer their services.

This year, CCSPA authored a Covid-19 best practices document that was endorsed by APA Div 47, AASP, and ASWIS.

CCSPA can be contacted at www.CollegiateSportPsych.org.

 h. European Federation of Sport Psychology (FEPSAC) Report submitted by: Markus Raab, Rita De Oliveira, Ismael Pedraza

- On the 8th and 9th October, a new regular meeting of the Managing Council took place online. Although originally planned to take place in Thessaloniki (Greece), but re-scheduled for preventive reasons the meeting included reports from all leading members: President, Treasurer, General Secretary and Vice-Presidents.
- Main matters discussed included the favourable evolution of the Congress Padova 2022 organization, bid revision for Congress 2024, relations with other societies, professional certifications, website update and fellowship proposals.



- 1. ECSS 2020 FEPSAC Invited Symposium
- On October 28 and 29 took place the International Congress of Sport Sciences organized by ECSS. FEPSAC participated with its Invited Symposium on "How to provide Psychology support to endurance athletes: Reach, Relationships, Impact" which counted with the participation of Carla Meijen, Andrew Lane and Noel Brick and was chaired by FEPSAC's president, Markus Raab.
- The goal is to promote sport and exercise psychology in Europe, and we now accept proposals for the 26th Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science (ECSS). The next FEPSAC invited symposium in ECSS will take place in Glasgow on July 7 10, 2021.
- 2. Padova 2022: Next FEPSAC Congress

Next FEPSAC Congress Venue will be Padova, Italy on July 2022.

- Prof. Maurizio Bertollo and Prof. Marta Ghisi on behalf of the Italian Association of Sport Psychology and the University of Padova, supported by Gruppo Symposia company, will organize the conference in this wonderful city of the Veneto region in Northern Italy. Our congress will coincide with the 800th anniversary of the University of Padova.
- 3. The Erasmus+ Sport 2020 selection results are available
- One of the agreements reached during the MC Meeting in Cologne 2019 was the availability of FEPSAC to act as a potential partner in Erasmus+ Calls. We consider that FEPSAC can be a strategic partner to guarantee the dissemination of project achievements also offering members of the MC to act as quality control experts.
- The Education, Audiovisual, and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission (EACEA) has now published the results of the Erasmus+ Sport 2020 funded projects.
- The Sport Chapter in the Erasmus+ Programme aims to support European partnerships on grassroots sport in order to pursue the following objectives: Tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport, such as doping, match fixing and violence, as well as all kinds of intolerance and discrimination; To promote and support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes; To promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity, through increased participation in, and equal access to sport for all.
- Institutions willing to participate in Erasmus+ Calls partnering FEPSAC in Collaborative Partnerships, Small-Collaborative Partnerships or Not-for-profit European sport events, please submit your proposals to office@fepsac.com.
- 4. Certification
- Given the increasing popularity of sport psychology, a main goal of the previous FEPSAC MC was to establish the European certification of specialist in applied sport psychology. The current FEPSAC MC has received several new applicants and certified professionals https://www.fepsac.com/certification/. These professionals are allowed to use the acronym SASP-FEPSAC after their name and highest university degree.

- Last certification round for specialists in applied sport psychology was closed on September 30th 2020 with several new applicants sending their portfolio. The Applied & Education team are now reviewing their submissions and the whole Managing Council will then validate their evaluation. The next deadline to submit the portfolio will be March 2021. All sport psychology practitioners that are willing to obtain the newly developed FEPSAC Professional Certification can review all required prerequisites and criteria here.
- 5. Psychology of Sport and Exercise is the #1 empirical journal in Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Clarivate Web of Science has now launched the 2019 Impact Factors of Journals included in the Journal Citation Reports list. Regarding journals in the field of Sport and Exercise Psychology, we are glad to see that Psychology of Sport and Exercise, the official journal of FEPSAC, edited by Elsevier has increased its Impact Factor (2.827) and keeps the lead of empirical journals in the field.
- We want to acknowledge the work and efforts of the whole Editorial Board of PSE with a mention to the Editors In-Chief, Prof. Nikos Ntoumanis and Prof. Bernd Strauss.

#### German Association of Sport Psychology (Arbeitsgemeinschaft f ür Sportpsychologie: ASP)

Report submitted by: Bernd Strauß, Charlotte Raue

The German Society of Sport Psychology (German: Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Sportpsychologie: ASP) was founded in 1969 in Münster (Germany) and is devoted to the promotion of research, practice, and development in the discipline of sport and exercise psychology in Germany. ASP was founded 1969 in Münster/Germany. The society celebrated the 50 year anniversary May 30-June 1, 2019 in Halle/Saale.

ASP consists of more than 500 individual members (Dec., 2020), most of whom are sport psychologists, sport scientists or psychologists. The managing council, elected for 2 years, consists of the President, a Vice-President-managing director for financial issues and up to five Vice-Presidents representing the departments "health and exercise," "research and international affairs," "top-level sports and practice," and "student research training and affairs." A business manager was created in 2018 and is held by Anja Kröger, who stated her work in Oct. 2020.

The ASP maintains close relations to many national and international societies, among them are the FEPSAC and the ISSP. The purpose is to encourage and promote the study of human behaviour within sport and exercise as well as to improve the quality of research and professional practice in sport and exercise psychology. This mission is realized by an annual conference (the conferences in 2020 and 2021 have been and will be taken virtually), training programs in the field of top-level sports (and a related certification in collaboration with the Federal Institute for Sport Science, BISp and the German Olympic Sport Organisation, DOSB) and health or methodological training. These training programs/ curriculum in sport psychology for top-level sports serves as an entrance qualification for elite sports psychology support in Germany. There are

currently approximately more than 160 individuals with the credentials required for work with German national and Olympic teams.

Every two years the society awards the best written PhD thesis (the "Karl Feigeaward" honouring the first president of the ASP). The official journal of the society is the German Journal of Sport Psychology (Zeitschrift für Sportpsychologie; publisher: Hogrefe), founded in 1987. Most relevant information is provided via the website: www.asp-sportpsychologie.org.

j. **Iberoamerican Society of Sport Psychology (SIPD):** Report Submitted by: Joaquín Dosil

BOARD: President: Joaquín Dosil (Spain), Vice Presidents: Regina Brandao (Brazil), Antonio Mendo (Spain), and Tomás Trujillo (Mexico), 14 vocals and 18 countries coordinators

OFFICIAL JOURNAL: Cuadernos de Psicología del Deporte (CPD) NUMBER OF AFFILIATES: 135 Premium and 923 Standard: 1058 people in SIPD

CONGRESS: The 8th Congress will be in Monterrey, México, October 2021.

#### MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES DURING 2020:

- online: 50 Sport Psychology virtual conferences delivered via facebook. Very important impact with approximately 287.000 views. Athletes, Coaches, Sport psychologists were the participants, and we have learned about strategies to face the COVID crisis from specialists of 12 SIPD Countries.

- International SP Congress in Columbia
- Several Courses, symposiums, and "lives" in different countries

k. International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) Report submitted by: Robert Schinke

- The International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology now has an impact factor. The journal was previously submitted two times, both unsuccessful before 2016. Robert Schinke and Athanasios (Sakis) Papaioannou have worked very diligently with the associate editors and editorial board to improve the journal's profile. The end result is a journal climbing in submissions. This year, we anticipate between 300-400 submissions, by year's end
- 2. There has been a series of COVID focused editorials, three in total. One was focused on Olympic athlete mental health during the crisis transition, a second focused on professional athlete work, and a third on physical activity. Additionally, there was an invited editorial, on the Olympics as an ongoing crisis transition. The contributors to these published manuscripts have included Kristoffer Henriksen, Peter Haberl, Liwei Zhang, Gangyan Si, Athanasios Papiounnou, Joan Duda, Yu-Kai Chang, Charlie Maher, Carsten Larsen, William Parham, Rich Gordon, Stewart Cotterill, Natalia Stambulova,

Paul Wylleman, David Lavallee, and me. We are proud of the contributions and international collaboration.

- 3. The ISSP Registry is now officially launched. Seventeen fast track candidates applied from Asia, Africa, South America, Europe, and North America. The announcement of the inaugural conferred registrants will be announced shortly.
- 4. The ISSP 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress was delayed to permit more time for immunization in advance of the congress. Now, the congress will be at the end of September 30- October 4, 2021 in Taipei, Taiwan. We are extremely excited by all of the keynote speakers: Maurizio Bertollo, Anthony P. Kontos, Vikki Krane, Nikos Ntoumanis, William D. Parham, Katherine Tamminen, and Judy L. Van Raalte

#### I. Japanese Society of Sport Psychology (JSSP) Report submitted by: Yasuhisa Tachiya

The Japanese Society of Sports Psychology (JSSP) was founded in 1973 and has approximately 800 members in 2020. Approximately 300 people attend the annual conference. The JSSP supports a certification program, started in 2000, for applied sport psychology professionals. Approximately 160 people have achieved the status of "Certified Mental Training Consultant in Sports." in 2020.

#### m. Japan Sport Council (JSC)

Report submitted by: Yasuhisa Tachiya

- The Japan Sport Council (JSC) is the central organization specializing in sports promotional activities focused on the maintenance and enhancement of school children's health in Japan as well as supporting Olympic and Paralympic Athletes and Teams.
- At present, funds are available for the work of the Department of Sport Sciences (including sport psychology) to support athletes, coaches, and high performance at the 2020 (2021) Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

#### n. Meeting of Societies

#### Report submitted by: Brett Smith

In April 2020 Brett Smith of Durham University initiated a 'meeting of societies' from the sport and exercise sciences. A group of societies came together to enjoy a conversation about how they might collectively work together in light of COVID-19 and the challenges that were unfolding. The conversations over two further meetings revolved around how we might support our members by producing and sharing educational/teaching resources. We discussed the impact COVID-19 might have on conferences over the next few years. This impact included conference congestion, limited funds to travel, possible

problems to gain travel insurance, how the rise of virtual conferences might change the conference landscape, and opportunities to collaborate in the future. Good practice was shared about virtual conferences. Many of us learnt a lot – I know I did! We also discussed issues around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in our societies, what our societies respectively do and don't do, what actions might be taken collectively in terms of EDI, and how we might together improve EDI plus be more action orientated to social justice.

- The societies have now met 4 times, with new societies joining the conversation each time. There are now 23 societies involved in the conversation. The societies span different disciplines from around the globe. We settled on a focus on EDI to move forward with at this time. This included sharing EDI policies and resources with each other as various societies have none or are only just developing them. We also are in the process of developing a working group to advance a set of EDI principles for societies to collectively commit to or to be guided by in their development; a collective statement on EDI for societies to subscribe, commit to, and/or progress toward; a crib sheet of good practice in order to collate knowledge and share learning among societies; and a strategy or model to measure success by. We also will be discussing how all this can help support societies to not just talk about social justice but enact also social justice.
- These are lofty ambitions! Many challenges to enabling such ambitions were discussed. These included getting buy-in from members of each individual society; getting buy-in collectively from all societies; and the different size of each society and differing resources that each society has at their disposal to support the development of EDI and social justice ambitions. Despite the challenges, and with several society members offering eloquent arguments, it was agreed that a working group would be set up in an effort to move us forward collectively. After discussing how to proceed collectively, we also heard how successful the Sport Psychology Council is. We learnt much thank you. We left the meeting with interest in forming an alliance, perhaps. That would be the first alliance to comprise many societies from different disciplines.
- If you would join our next conversation and be part of this growing movement please contact myself via email brett.smith@durham.ac.uk It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

### o. North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSPA)

Report submitted by: Penny McCullagh

The NASPSPA Executive Committee is very proud to announce that the virtual conference held in June 2020 was a huge success. With 422 members in

attendance, our first ever virtual NASPSPA conference provided opportunities for our membership to hear from impressive keynote scholars, honor awardees, present their scholarly work, publish their abstracts, attend the business meeting, attend a variety of socials, and even enjoy a DJ and dance, as in years past. We received positive and very useful feedback from the membership on how to improve on our next virtual conference in 2021. Moreover, we all learned from our first virtual conference that we can offer virtual experiences throughout the year and provide more valuable services for our membership. And as a result, the NASPSPA Executive Committee is very happy to announce that we have additional services we are providing our membership this year in addition to an exciting virtual conference.

- Creation of the NASPSPA Teaching Network Committee. NASPSPA has a new Teaching Network Committee. This committee, made up of Diane Ste-Marie, Jenny O, Maarten Immink, and Melissa Pangelinan, offered their first Zoom workshop on useful and effective ways to enhance online learning for students. We had over 100 members who took advantage of the Teaching Network's first workshop in September, and it received very positive reviews. If you missed this workshop and would like to view it, please click here to access it and benefit from this membership service. This committee will continue to provide valuable sessions throughout the year related to the theme of teaching within our discipline. Keep an eye out for the Network's next workshop, and please let us know if you have specific topics that you would like the Teaching Network Committee to cover in the future. Go to NASPSPA Website and check out other resources for teaching.
- Creation of the NASPSPA Motor Learning and Control Online Research Seminar Series. NASPSPA is thrilled to announce to its membership that we are offering a new research seminar series. The proposal for the seminar series was approved by the NASPSPA Executive Committee, and will be led by members, Maarten Immink, David Anderson, Howard Zelaznik, Diane Ste-Marie, and Harjiv Singh. Don't miss out on the inaugural Motor Learning and Control Online Research Seminar Series set for November 20 at 4:00-5:30ET. The topic for the first seminar series will be "Open and reproducible research in a productivity demanding academic world", including presentations from Diane Ste-Marie, Keith Lohse, Matt Miller, and Mike Carter. We suspect that members of the Sport Psychology community may be interested in organizing a research seminar series for our members as well. If interested, please submit your proposals to the NASPSPA Executive Committee.
- Earlier this year, the NASPSPA Executive Committee made a stance for social justice and shared with its membership our statement regarding this commitment. In that statement, we shared that we would create an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force dedicated to ensuring that NASPSPA takes the necessary action steps to advance social justice within our own

organization. Many thanks to the task force members (Joao Barros, Cherly Glazebrook, Yung-Ju 'Ruth' Chen, Erica Bennett, Sheereen Harris, Harjiv Singh, and Maria Ayoub) selected to serve on this critically important initiative. We are all looking forward to the recommendations the task force has for our organization in advancing social justice for all.

- The NASPSPA Executive Committee is now planning the 54th annual, and 2nd virtual, NASPSPA conference. We promise an event with a strong sense of familiarity, high-quality research, and opportunity for engagement among presenters, major speakers, and members at large. Cathi Sabiston, pastpresident is working with Nick Murray (East Carolina University), Kip Webster (Augusta University), and Tara-Leigh McHugh (University of Alberta) as the program area chairs. Nick is chairing the Motor Learning and Control committee composed of Rajiv Ranganathan (Michigan State University), Kristina Neely (Auburn University), Louisa Raisbeck (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), Robert Horn (Montclair State University), Jennifer Didier (Sam Houston State University), Daniel Russell (Old Dominion University), Rodolphe J. Gentili (University of Maryland), Jared Porter (University of Tennessee at Knoxville), and Will Wu (California State University at Long Beach). Kip's Motor Development committee includes Jackie Goodway (Ohio State University), Jill Whitall (University of Maryland), Nadia Valentini (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul), Andy Pitchford (Iowa State University), Ryan Hulteen (Louisiana State University), Ting Liu (Texas State University), Farid Bardid (University of Strathclyde), and Do Kyeong Lee (CSU – Fullerton). And Tara-Leigh is chairing the Sport and Exercise Psychology program area committee including Ralf Brand (University of Potsdam), Yu-Kai Chang (National Taiwan Normal University), Anthony Delli Paoli (Rutgers University), Leah Ferguson (University of Saskatchewan), Christine Habeeb (East Carolina University), Jason Kostrna (Florida International University), Jade Salim (St. Mary's University), Leisha Strachan (University of Manitoba), Jennifer Tomasone (Queen's University), and Zachary Zenko (California State University - Bakersfield). These committees are eager to read submitted abstracts and to put together a conference program that maintains the scientific rigor and interest that we are all accustomed to experiencing. Even if it is shy of face-to-face interaction, which we will look forward to getting in Hawaii in 2022.
- Some early news on the 2021 conference can be shared to build excitement. First, the conference will be held during specific times on Wednesday June 9th, Thursday June 10th, and Friday June 11th, 2021. Mark your calendars now. These dates respect the original planned conference dates, while also respecting your weekend. We have identified an online platform to deliver the virtual conference that also supports engagement, collaboration, and communication among members attending the conference. NASPSPA os also committed to having the Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology Supplement with all published abstracts available prior to the conference to

help inform attendees of the content of the talks. And, senior lecturers have already been secured. Career stories and research trajectories from longstanding NASPSPA members Jan Hondzinski(Louisiana State University), David Anderson (San Francisco State University), and Vikki Krane (Bowling Green State University) will be a part of the conference this June. Finally, invitations have been sent out to prominent academics to give keynote addresses.

- The abstract submission portal opens on Tuesday December 1st, 2020 and closes on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021. Please note that NASPSPA is accepting abstracts that extend beyond the traditional scope of practice. Recognizing that COVID-19 has restricted data collection across research facilities on a global scale, NASPSPA will accept abstracts that focus on philosophical questions, theory advancement, evaluation and development of measures, reviews, and secondary data analyses as long as they offer unique contribution to research and practice. In a time of potentially stalled new data, we can embrace new efforts to critique practices, build on theories, and generally advance our areas of research in meaningful ways.
- The NASPSPA executive committee is open to ideas for pre- (or post-) conference workshops. Please reach out to Cathi Sabiston (catherine.sabiston@utoronto.ca) with possible workshop ideas. NASPSPA is looking forward to another high-quality and highly informative program at our next conference in June!
- Questions??? Contact naspspaed@gmail.com

#### p. Professional Baseball Performance Psychology Group (PBPPG) Report submitted by: Charlie Maher

- The Professional Baseball Performance Psychology Group (PBPPG), initiated in 2011, is comprised of mental skills, mental performance, and sport psychologists who are employed or who serve as contracted consultants with Major League Baseball (MLB) clubs. Currently, there are 56 members representing 27 of the 30 clubs.
- The essential purpose of the PBPPG continues to be the facilitation of collaboration, discussion, and ongoing education of its members, so that quality, evidence-based programs and services can be provided for the enhancement of the mental and emotional development and performance of players, coaches, and staff; and so that such programs and services occur in accord with AASP and APA ethical standards.
- The affiliation of the PBPPG with the Sport Psychology Council (SPC) was discussed with the PBPPG Board of Directors, as well as with the entire membership, during the group's annual meeting in San Diego during December 2019. From these discussions, it was concluded that all concerned are very pleased to be affiliated with the august body of the SPC.
- Relatedly, PBPPG membership wanted to let other SPC affiliates know that they are interested in learning about how sport psychology organizations and practitioners are providing services to professional athletes, teams, coaches,

and front office executives in their respective countries. Moreover, the PBPPG wants to extend an invitation to members of other SPC affiliates to contact us, if they want to learn more about opportunities for employment with MLB clubs (cmaher@indians.com).

#### RELEVANT AND RECENT ACTIVITIES

Given this aforementioned statement of purpose, the PBPPG is actively involved in a range of activities. Some of them are as follows:

- The PBPPG is working on expanding its membership base, with the institution of the additional membership category of Associate Member. This membership category is for individuals who do not at present meet Full Member criteria, such as mental skills assistants and interns, but who desire to continue their education in sport psychology. There are explicit criteria and commitments for being an Associate Member.
- The PBPPG seeks to assure that all 30 MLB clubs hire or otherwise employ only qualified mental skills and sport psychology professionals. Toward that end, the group has produced written proposals and guidelines about the use of the CMPC credential and/or psychology licensure as suggested requirements for such professionals.
- 3. The PBPPG also has produced a "white paper" that describes parameters that have to do with the coordination of mental skills, life skills, and mental health of players. This kind of document is important for the advancement of sport psychology in professional sports franchises. Moreover, and most importantly, the information is the paper may very well serve as guidance for the office of the Commissioner of Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association as they seek to develop a new Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- 4. The PBPPG has been a longstanding proponent of making sure that mental performance services and mental health services are coordinated at the MLB club level. Thus, the group continues to review and update its policies and procedures related to practicing within the bound of the professional competence of each member as well as updates to policies and procedures having to do with referrals of athletes and coaches to qualified providers for mental health services.
- 5. The PBPPG is developing a survey of its members about how they have provided services to players and coaches during the time of pandemic.
- 6. The PBPPG continues to hold a one-day annual meeting in December, conjunction with the MLB Winter meetings. However, due to the pandemic, the meeting for December 2020 will be held in a virtual format.

q. Sports Psychology Association of India (SPAI) Report submitted: Jitendra Mohan

Professor D.K. Dureha is President and Dr. Anuradha Solanky is the Secretary General of Sports Psychology Association of India (SPAI). Professor Emeritus Jitendra Mohan (first/founder President of SPAI) has been awarded ISSP Honor Award 2021 by International Society of Sport Psychology.

#### r. Sport Psychology Council (SPC) Report submitted by: Kwok Ng and Judy L. Van Raalte

- The Sport Psychology Council (SPC) was started in the 1990s by Dr. Michael Sachs who was interested in supporting collaboration among sport psychology organizations and leaders. In its current form, the SPC is a group of individuals who represent sport psychology organizations around the world. The SPC gathers at conferences and congresses to share sport psychology organizations' successes, trends, and difficulties and to discuss and implement strategies to promote all organizations and the field of sport psychology. There is no membership fee for organizations to join the SPC and no bylaws or typical organizational structure. Rather, the SPC maintains its informal status and meets at conferences and congresses when hosted by the generosity of sport psychology organizations worldwide.
- The SPC is supported by the Society of Sport and Exercise Psychology of Taiwan (SSEPT), the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSPA), the American Psychological Association Society for Sport, Exercise & Performance Psychology (APA Division 47), the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP), and the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) which provide financial support that has funded the Sport Psychology Council and it's website, <u>www.SportPsychologyCouncil.org</u> through 2026. The webmaster is Kwok Ng, (University of Eastern Finland, and University of Limerick).
- The SPC mobile friendly website includes information about the Sport Psychology Council, minutes of annual meetings, and links to sport psychology organizations around the world. In the past year (Nov 2019-Dec 2020), in 2019, 93% of users accessed the website from computers, in 2020 approximately two thirds (63%) of visitors accessed the website from computers. SPC website visitors were mainly from China (27%), USA (26%), UK (10%), Argentina (7%), France (7%) and Japan (7%). Just over a half (60%) of the visitors viewed the site in the English language, and 30% in Chinese. Approximately 10% of visitors viewed the website in either Japanese, Spanish, or Russian. Student groups and professional organizations can link the SPC website with their own sites. The logo for the SPC can be easily taken to back link with organizations' websites.

- All interested sport psychology organizations are invited to share links to their websites and to link to the **SportPsychologyCouncil.org** website. Also, it would be helpful for associations to provide their logos for the SPC website. Currently the national links have not been fully followed, but it is planned to do this following reception of the logos. If organisations do not have logos, please notify webmaster@sportpsychologycouncil.org.
- Swedish Sport Psychology Association (Svensk Idrottspsykologisk Förening; SIPF)

Report submitted by: Louise Sonne and Ulrika Billme

- The Swedish Sport Psychology Association (SIPF) is devoted to enhance and promote the development of the field of Sport Psychology in Sweden. SIPF works to spread evidence-based knowledge and to be the arena where research, education and applied work meet and integrate. The platforms used are primarily our annual national conference and our member journal, called FLOW. The conference in March 2020 was dedicated to the celebration of SIPFs 20 years anniversary with the heading "on your mark, get ready, go!" Due to the covid19 the conference was postponed and held virtually in November 2020 with 85 participants attending. Our speakers (researchers as well as practitioners) guided us through the past (looking back at the beginning when SIPF was established), the present (understanding the development of the field and talking about best practice now) and tried to investigate the future of our association and of sport psychology in general. The conference was successful, and we are now more prepared and confident to arrange digital events.
- In recent years, SIPF has become more active on social media, particularly on Facebook and Instagram. SIPF currently has 1298 followers on Instagram, and 1428 followers on Facebook. The SIPF Instagram account is regularly taken over by guests (athletes, coaches, researchers, sport psychology consultants, clinical psychologists and more), that share a week of their lives and reflect on different sport psychology aspects. Activities on social media have been of great importance for marketing the association and for enhancing the interest in sport psychology.
- SIPF has at present 207 members. The organization is now undergoing a massive process of strategic development; in which we aim to clearly establish our purpose, define our trademark, make decisions about activities and member benefits, and more. We also work with a lot of organizational improvements for our members. We have a lot of exciting ideas for development and we are surely facing interesting and fun challenges the next 20 years!

#### t. WomenSport International Report submitted by: Ani Chroni

WomenSport International (WSI) has been actively restricting since it elected a new board of directors as of March 30th, 2019. The new Board is made of up the following members:

Executive Board of Directors: President: Diane Huffman, Canada Vice President: Nada Knorre, Czech Republic Past President: Ani Chroni, Norway Treasurer: Guro Johnsen, Switzerland Secretary: Kanae Haneishi, USA Director: Dr. Becky Clark, USA Director: Kari Fasting, Norway Director: Carole Oglesby, USA

Advisory Board: Gretchen Kerr, Canada Toni Bruce, New Zealand Gabrielle Salomon, England/USA Junko Tahara, Japan Dunja Antunovic, USA Nefeli Chondrogianni, UAE

- Over the last 1.5 years, WSI Board has been working to re-builds its organizational structure, renew partnerships and develop a stronger presence as a leading organization for women in sport. As part of its restructuring, it now has a legal committee, presently reviewing and updating WSI's constitution. WSI has also confirmed an International Task Group, who will coordinate advocacy campaigns on specific topics such as safeguarding, gender mainstreaming in sport and other challenges taken forward by the Board. It has reestablished its Abuse and Harassment Task Team, Task Team for Persons with Disabilities and is in the process of establishing a Women's Leadership Task Team.
- 2. Partnership renewals and development has been a major focus, and over the last year WSI has renewed its partnerships with ICSSPE, IAPESGW, ACSM, and continues to sit on the Board of the International Women Group (IWG).
- 3. Advisory Roles: WSI has actively continued with its advisory role with UNESCO represented at CIGEPS by Ani Chroni who also served as a mediator between actors involved with the Feasibility Study (Kazan Action Plan - Action 4, https://en.unesco.org/mineps6/kazan-action-plan) for the Global Observatory (GO) on Women and Sport. Furthermore, Carole Oglesby of WSI was contracted by UNESCO to be part of the Program Advise, an in-

depth study for identifying thematic areas and a feasible structure of the GO as part of the Feasibility Study. The Feasibility study report for GO was delivered in July 2020, presented at the September 2020 CIGEPS Meeting, and now the GO launch is under progress by the Swiss Government who also funded the feasibility study.

In preparation for the next MINEPS VII meeting

(https://en.unesco.org/themes/sport-and-anti-doping/mineps) planned to take place in Kenya June 2021, CIGEPS decided to establish 2 working groups that will follow up on Kazan Action Plan progress and prepare for MINEPS VII. In these two groups, WSI is represented by Ani Chroni, Gretchen Kerr, Gabi Salomon and Kanae Haneishi.

Overview of our advisory role provided by Carole Oglesby:

WomenSport International and Women's Sports Foundation USA were fortunate in 1995 to present workshops, and run a women's sport display, at the UN IV World Conference on Women in Beijing. We were able to see incorporated into the renowned Beijing Platform for Action three specific references to the importance of equality and advancement for girls and women in sport. Due to this involvement, both organizations were granted consultative status with UN Economic and Social Council and opportunities at UN events relating to girl's and women's health and social status. In the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meetings, New York City in March, women's sport advocacy organizations, lead by WSI and WSF have presented workshops 15 of the past 25 years; the last 10 years consecutively. Most years, ours has been the only sport-focused program of the hundreds offered. March 2020, we were scheduled for two as the events of the past year had been dramatic. As everyone knows, the March meetings fell victim to the Pandemic at the very last minute. The UN has scheduled the 2021 March Meetings as virtual but the meetings will go on and our programs are already planned. The WSI and WSF almost always involve as partners, the International Working Group of Women and Sport and the ACSM.

Another bit of progress on the inclusion and diversity front, the consistent emphasis and involvement of WSI at all manner of international fora has caught the attention of regional and national colleagues. The leaders have begun to organize their own professional, research and advocacy groups whose aims are similar to WSI. They often request/invite WSI leadership to take some kind of supportive role in their efforts. These are not 'paid positions' at present but are seen as efforts that complement advocacy internationally of the WSI itself. Examples recently have been those of Carole Oglesby who sits on the leadership Boards (advisory only) for an organization formed in the past year in India called S(heroes) specializing on the plight of girls in urban areas of blight and the Somali Women Foundation working for peace, education and girl's and women's empowerment in Somalia.

- 4. Activities and Presentations: Members of the Board of WSI have been actively presenting their work at a number of different conferences around the world. A list of the presentations can be found on the WSI website: https://womensportinternational.org/ https://womensportinternational.org/index.php/archive/
- 5. Membership Drive: WSI will initiate a membership drive as of the New Year. We have not renewed memberships for the last 2 years, giving us time to restructure and put in place systems that are up-to-date and conforming to international laws. Watch for our promotions.
- 2. New Business
  - a. Remind organizations that they can link to **SportPsychologyCouncil.org** i.Plan for new languages and organizations to be added to the website
    - ii. Correct any errors or failed links
  - b. Human Kinetics has approved the addition of a new section of the Journal of Clinical Sport Psychology entitled "Around the Globe" to capture international works. The first article features sport psychology with Icelandic athletes and will be published in 2021. These works will be open access for broader reach and accessibility. Please tell your international colleagues that the Journal of Clinical Sport Psychology welcomes submissions from all corners of the world.
  - c. Areas for sharing information and possibilities for collaboration
  - d. Other issues

## **4 ACTION ITEMS**

Action	Assigned To	Deadline
Review minutes and submit corrections to Judy VanRaalte (jvanraal@SportPsychologyCouncil.org)	Everyone	30 December 2020
Check organizational logos on SportPsychologyCouncil.org and email logo updates to Kwok Ng at: webmaster@sportpsychologycouncil.org	Everyone	ongoing
Support website linking to SportPsychologyCouncil.org and check SportPsychologyCouncil.org for link corrections	Everyone	30 January 2021
Suggest location for 2022 Sport Psychology Council meeting.	Everyone	30 January 2021

## 5 NEXT MEETING

Sites for future meetings: ISSP in Taipei, Taiwan, September 30-October 04, 2021 Suggest site for 2022 meeting